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Via ECF

Hon. Nicholas G. Garaufis
United States District Court
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

RE: *United States v. Raniere, et al.*
18-CR-204

Dear Judge Garaufis:

My office, DerOhannesian & DerOhannesian (“D&D”) represents Mr. Raniere in the above matter. I write to inform Your Honor that Danielle R. Smith, Esq., has left D&D. Prior to leaving, she discussed the issue with Mr. Raniere who agreed that she would no longer represent him in this matter upon her departure from D&D. I have since spoken to Mr. Raniere and he once again reiterated his consent to Ms. Smith’s withdrawal as an attorney in this matter. Mr. Raniere will suffer no prejudice as a result of her withdrawal. I therefore respectfully request that she be terminated as an attorney of record in the above matter. A copy of this letter is being mailed to Mr. Raniere.

Thank you for Your Honor’s consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Paul DerOhannesian II, Esq.

cc: All attorneys of record (via ECF)
Keith Raniere (via ordinary mail)